Claim 15, lines 4 and 7, insert the word "the" after the word "when" in each line. In line 9, change the word "channel" to the word "recess".

REMARKS

A fresh copy of the claims showing the above amendments is attached hereto.

As discussed in today's telephone interview kindly granted, applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of the claims on the Lyons reference U.S. Patent No. 5,799,449. Lyons is concerned with a window assembly suitable for installation into an opening cut into the metal of a motor vehicle body (column 1, lines 60 to 63). The numeral 300 simply designates this vehicle body opening which is to receive the window assembly 110. The perimeter wall of the opening 300 clearly does not cooperate with frame 30 to define an article receiving recess therebetween. The window assembly itself (110) comprises a single frame 30 which is injection molded around the edges of the fixed position panes 20, 22 and the upper and lower applique members 40 and 50 which serve as structural members spanning between the fixed panes 20 and 22 and provide for the mounting of the sliding window pane assembly 100. This sliding pane assembly 100 is an entirely separate assembly and clearly not a circumscribing frame. The sliding pane assembly is assembled with the single frame 30 by inserting the upper peripheral edge of the sliding panes into the upper run channel formed by the upper appliques 40. Following this, the lower portion of the sliding pane assembly is forced over the ledge 53 of the lower appliques 50 in what is referred to as a snap fit. (Column 6, lines 24 to 29). There are no first and second one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame members that fit against one another to form an area circumscribing support frame having an article retaining recess formed therebetween and extending therearound.

With Lyons glass window frame 30 the window retaining recess requires a molding operation with the fixed glass panes 20 and 22 and the appliques 40 and 50 being introduced into the molding operation and subjected to molding temperatures so that the hot plastic can flow around their edges.

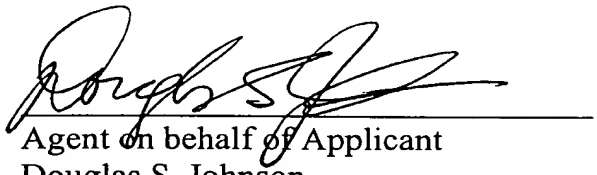
In contrast, with applicant's one piece preformed frames which fit together to form the retaining recess therearound the glass or window unit can simply be brought

against one frame and the other frame brought into contact with and secured to the first frame to complete the assembly without the need to subject the glass to any molding operation. Also, if the glass is to be replaced, all that is necessary is to separate the two frames, insert a new pane of glass therebetween and secure the frames together again.

These benefits of applicant's invention are very significant in facilitating and reducing costs of producing windows.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that applicant's invention as claimed clearly and patentably distinguish over the complex window assembly of Lyons. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Revised Claims

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. First and second one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame members that fit against one another to form an area circumscribing support frame having an article retaining recess formed therebetween and extending therearound.

2. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1 in which at least one of said members has an integral laterally projecting peripheral wall extending around the perimeter thereof against which the other frame member fits to form said article retaining recess.

3. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1 in which both of said frame members have laterally projecting peripheral walls extending around their outer perimeters which abut when said frame members are fitted together to define said article retaining recess.

4. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 2 or 3 in which both of said frame members have at their inner perimeters integral laterally projecting lips which, upon said members being fitted together, face each other with a space therebetween to form a slotted wall overlying at least a portion of said article retaining recess.

5. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 in which said members are injection molded plastic members.

6. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 in which said members are compression molded plastic members.

7. One piece integrally molded frame members framed in Claim 1 in which each of said members is one side of a window sash and said retaining recess is adapted to retain a glazing unit.

8. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 4 in which said members form the sides of a frame to support a sliding window sash.

9. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1 in which at least one of said frame members is further formed to fit against a third one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame member to form a second support frame having an article retaining recess therein.

10. First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 configured to form on assembly face to face one side of a window frame, at least one of said frame members having at the outer perimeter thereof a laterally projecting wall which spaces said frame members from one another and defines a window unit retaining recess.

11. Frame members as claimed in Claim 10 having at least over a portion of their inner perimeters integral inwardly projecting lips having a width less than half the spacing between said frame members when the same are assembled face to face.

12. First and second frame members as claimed in Claims 10 or 11 in combination with a third one piece molded area circumscribing rectangular frame member configured for assembly with one of said first and second frame members at one side thereof opposite to said side forming said retaining recess to form an adjoining frame having a window retaining recess therein.

13. First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 formed to be brought together face to face to form the sides of a window sash with a glazing unit retaining recess therebetween, a glazing unit located between said sash sides received in said retaining recess and means securing said molded frame members together to retain said glazing unit therebetween.

14. A window unit as claimed in Claim 13 in which said frame members are formed to interengage when in registration.

15. First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 each configured to form opposite sides of a sliding window unit frame, at least one of said frame sides having an integral laterally projecting wall at its outer perimeter which spaces said opposite frame sides from one another when the same are assembled, and both said one piece frame members having at their inner perimeters an integral lip having a width less than one half the spacing of said frame members when the same are assembled, said lips projecting

inwardly of said frame members when assembled to provide retaining walls overhanging at least a portion of said retaining recess, said retaining walls having a space therebetween providing access to said retaining channel.

16. A window unit as claimed in Claim 15 in combination with a third rectangular frame member of one piece molded construction configured to form with one of the aforesaid frame members a second frame in which said one of said frame members forms one side thereof with said third frame member.